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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 August 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
- 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "rotary shaft" in claims 1 and 3 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroyuki et al. (JP 10-146021) in view of Endo.

Regarding claim 1, Hiroyuki et al. show an air-cooled motor comprising: a motor body in which a through hole (7 in Fig. 1) is formed in a rotary shaft; a supply section (33) for supplying a fluid to the through hole; a cylindrical member (4) surrounding the supply section; and a cooling fan (37) provided on the side opposite the motor body with respect to the cylindrical member. Hiroyuki et al. fail to show a window is provided in the cylindrical member so that the supply section can be visually observed.

However, Endo discloses an electric machine comprising a capsule (or a housing) to cover the components of the electric machine and a window provided on the capsule for the purpose of observing the state of operation of the machine (abstract and Col. 1, lines 27-32)

Since Hiroyuki et al. and Endo are in the same field of endeavor, the purpose disclosed by Endo would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Hiroyuki et al.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having an ordinary skill in the art to modify Hiroyuki et al. by providing a window in the cylindrical member so that the supply section can be visually observed as taught by Endo for the purpose of observing the state of operation of the machine.

Regarding claim 3, Hiroyuki et al. show all limitations of the claimed invention except showing a cylindrical member wherein at least a part of the cylindrical member is made of a transparent material so that the supply section can be visually observed.

However, Endo discloses an electric machine comprising a capsule (or a housing) to cover the components of the electric machine and wherein the capsule is made of a transparent material for the purpose of observing the state of operation of the machine (abstract and Col. 1, lines 27-32)

Since Hiroyuki et al. and Endo are in the same field of endeavor, the purpose disclosed by Endo would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Hiroyuki et al.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having an ordinary skill in the art to modify Hiroyuki et al. by forming the cylindrical

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member with a transparent material so that the supply section can be visually observed as taught by Endo for the purpose of observing the state of operation of the machine.

Regarding claims 2 and 4, Hiroyuki et al. also show the air-cooled motor wherein a passage for distributing cooling air toward the cooling fan is provided in the cylindrical member (Fig. 1).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh N Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2031. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner 's supervisor, Darren Schuberger, can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

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June 4, 2004

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PRIMARY EXAMINER**

